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## Brown-State to Play Again

The Brown University basketball team, always at its peak when engaged in competition with Rhode Island State College's high flying Rams, will provide the opposition in a post season game at the Auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 12.

Proceeds from the game will go to the fund for a War Memorial Student Union on the campus. Charles A. Hall, executive secretary of the Rhode Island State College Alumni Association, announced that all seats would be reserved and tickets would be priced at \$1.25 and \$2.50.

The need for a Union on the campus has become all the more acute because of the large number of servicemen living in the Quonset Hut village where there are no facilities for recreation or relaxation, Hall said. The present Union at Beta Phi is expected to be closed when the building is returned to the fraternity.

Bringing together Brown and Rhode Island on the basketball court is a ten-strike as these two natural rivals can be counted up.

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## Sophs Set for Hop Thursday

Well, have you heard the latest? It's the SOPH HOP on Thursday evening, from 9 to 1 o'clock.

Dean Morris and Dean Browning have consented to make this a 2 o'clock night for all girls attending the dance. Yes, all girls, frosh included.

The Soph Hop, which is the first one to be held here in four years, is being revived by the present Sophomore class. For music, it's "Tommy" Thomas and his nine-piece orchestra, complete with vocalist, lovely Connie Carlson.

Since Tommy and his orchestra are new to this state, they are not too well known as yet. He started playing here in December 1945, and

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Charles A. Hall, left, alumni secretary, and Clark Murdough, alumni member of the Board of Trustees, are in charge of arrangements for the Student Union Memorial campaign dinner in the Providence Biltmore Hotel Wednesday evening.

## Contest Open to Women Students

Manuscripts for the annual Elizabeth Williams Award contest, conducted for women students at the college by the Women's Advertising Club of Providence, are due Friday, March 15, it is announced by the award committee.

The subject for the competition, which carries a cash prize of \$25 to be awarded on March 25 at the club's annual dinner, is "Women's Opportunities in Postwar Journalism."

Since the field of journalism spans radio and advertising as well as newspaper and book publishing, the subject is sufficiently comprehensive to inspire campus writers to develop the subject in original manner.

Speaker at the dinner will be Miss Catherine Coyne, of the editorial department of the Boston Herald, who has just returned from Europe where she attended the Nuremberg trials.

The contest is limited to women students at Rhode Island State College. While no specific length is indicated for entries, a minimum

of 1000 words is essential to do justice to the subject.

The English department is again cooperating in promoting the contest on the campus. Judges will be Miss Edith Nichols, women's editor of the Providence Bulletin; Miss May Whalen, vice president of the club, and Prof. Herbert M. Hofford, of the college.

The award dinner will be held at the Providence Plantations Club.

### NOTICE

The Placement Office is now receiving notices of job opportunities for both men and women for summer employment. Students interested in obtaining a job this summer are requested to register now at the Placement Office.

### GLEE CLUB

"Rose-Marie," "Make Believe," "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody," and "Oh What a Beautiful Morning," composed the group of numbers which 16 voices from the College Concert Choir presented before the Kingston Music Club last Friday.

## College Enrolls 1135 Students

A total of 1135 is the latest figure on the largest student body to attend Rhode Island State since the war began, as matriculating veterans entered their new Quonset dormitories last week.

Remarkable work has been done on these buildings, although it may not seem so at the present. Ground was broken only five weeks ago for the 31 northern type officers' huts. Two of them will be used for study quarters. Six additional huts will comprise the "galley," or supplementary dining service, next to Lippsitt.

According to the latest, more than 400 second semester freshmen have registered with Dean Weldin, and 134 upperclass veterans registered with Captain Hazlett. There are over 20 veterans signed up for advanced ROTC and more are expected.

Among the civilian-clothed veterans, 95 are in the School of Engineering, 65 in Business Administration, 23 in Agriculture and Home Economics, 30 in Science and 15 in Physical Education.

The latest figure for total enrollment of the college is 1135, including 631 men and 504 women. There are 223 first semester freshmen, 441 second semester frosh, 423 upperclassmen, and 48 irregulars.

## Dinner to Open Drive

One of the war's most colorful leaders, Brig. General Merritt A. Edson, whose Marine Corps "Raiders" made history at Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Tarawa, and other Pacific strongholds of the Japs, will address the Alumni Council dinner at the Biltmore Hotel, Providence, Wednesday evening.

The dinner will mark the opening of the campaign for the proposed war memorial, which will be a Student Union building to serve as the college center for non-academic activities. J. Harold Williams, chief

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## Report Comments On Fraternities

The annual report of the president contains the following statement of interest to students in a section on "Fraternities and Sororities":

"During the war, the fraternities suspended operations, and the houses were taken over by the college administration under a pool arrangement for occupancy by women students and non-fraternity men.

We should look forward to the revival of the fraternities as soon as the male enrollment warrants. This will not be during the year 1945-46. Perhaps by the Fall of 1946 we shall be ready to take initial steps in the restoration of our fraternities.

"Fraternity life has been subject to a great deal of criticism in recent years. There are those who advocate that college fraternities be abolished. I cannot share this view. I believe that fraternities have grown out of a natural group instinct that will find expression in some way among college students, and to my mind the fraternities are one of the best modes of expression. I recognize their weaknesses; I recognize that in many institutions they have not lived up to their potentialities. I recognize likewise that, under weak or misguided leadership, they may be detrimental rather than a constructive force in college life. However, it seems to me that in its experience with fraternities Rhode Island State College has been particularly fortunate. It has been the traditional policy of the college to encourage fraternities, and I believe this should be continued. Close cooperation between the fraternities and the college administration, in a spirit of mutual confidence, has prevailed. The present period of inactivity has given us an opportunity to appraise fraternity life and to plan improvements. I anticipate that, when the fraternities are revived, the administration will enjoy the full cooperation of both alumni and undergraduate members in strengthening the constructive influence of fraternity life on the campus."

"One of the most serious handicaps in our fraternity life has been the necessity of quartering unpledged freshmen in the various houses. This has been good neither for the fraternities nor for the freshmen themselves. The solution lies in new freshman dormitories. This is a 'must' on our building program, and I hope that the dormitory space will be available by the time the fraternities are ready to reopen.

"Likewise, we shall need to define our policy with reference to the sororities. At present, we have three sororities which occupy

**STUDENT JOBS**  
All students interested in part time campus jobs should register now at the Placement Office on the second floor of Edwards Hall.

## History Prize To Be Awarded

The Herman Churchill History Prize for 1946, an award of \$20, will be given to the full-time student who writes the best paper on the subject: "Dorr's Rebellion: An Episode in the Struggle for Democracy."

Manuscripts should not bear the name of the author. They should be turned in to the secretary in Quinn 220, and she will assign a number to each manuscript. All papers must be submitted by Friday, May 10. The award will be announced at Commencement if won by a Senior, and on Honors Day if won by a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior.

For further information and suggestions on writing the paper, consult any member of the Department of History and Political Science.

### Mr. X of the Week

The object of this column usually is to make the freshmen become more familiar with the upperclassmen. But not so this week, for this is an introduction of a freshman to the upperclassmen and the other veterans. This veteran has already made his presence known on the campus. He made that introduction on the R. I. Auditorium basketball court Thursday night as a member of the starting lineup of our famous Ram team, wearing number 10. Now everyone knows who he is, but nevertheless there may be some non-interested grinds who don't hear much of our team.

He hails from Newport, more specifically De La Salle High School. While at the school he played basketball and baseball. He made all-state through years and the acclaims of everyone. He seems to be destined for a major roll in basketball and campus life here at State, and he will reach it according to his Newport buddies.

Our Mr. X is a sharpie in his old haunts, whether it's on the beaches or that hangout—the Cameo Club—of which I understand he is a faithful member; he has to make up for the time he spent in the Army. So upperclassmen and veterans, take notice of Jack Allen.

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## Youthful Fez



A young looking fez to be worn back and straight is shown above as pictured in the December issue of Junior Bazaar, new fashion magazine. The clip right on the edge of the brilliant red thick felt is an important fashion point.

### BROWN-STATE TO PLAY AGAIN

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on to provide 40 minutes of torrid action. The teams have met twice this year and while the rollicking Rams won both games, they were not won without moments of concern in the Rhode Island camp.

In the first contest at Kingston, the Bruins fought determinedly for 30 minutes until a sudden burst of power by the Rams assured a victory.

The Bruins, paced by their great leader, Woody Grimshaw, met every Rhode Island surge with one of their own and midway through the second half, the teams were all even at 39-39. The Rams then found an opening in the tiring Brown defense and racked up 14 points while holding the visitors scoreless. With the game safely tucked away, the Rams went on to win 75-55.

At Providence it was the same story only this time Coach Rip Engle's boys fought right to the finish before going down to a 69-67 decision on a last minute field goal by Co-Captain Ernie Calverley. For a while it appeared that the Brown

game will be preceded by a preliminary and the teams that will participate will be announced later.

### COMMUNITY THEATRE

Wakefield, R. I. Phone Narra. 295

"South County's Popular Movie Theatre"

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday February 17, 18, 19

"DAKOTA," starring John Wayne and Vera Hruba Ralston, also "ONE WAY TO LOVE" with Willard Parker, Marguerite Chapman and Chester Morris

Wednesday February 20

"WILDFIRE" with Bob Steele and Ronald Colman Madeleine Carroll in "THE PRISONER OF ZENDA"

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Feb. 21, 22, 23

Marsha Hunt and John Carroll in "A LETTER FOR EVIE" "THE ENCHANTED FOREST" with Edmund Lowe, Brenda Joyce

## New G. I. Bill Order Issued

Orders to have all of the American Legion-sponsored amendments to the G. I. Bill of Rights in full force and effect by March 28, have been laid down for all his staff by Omar N. Bradley, administrator of veterans' affairs.

The date conforms to the 90-day deadline set by Congress for putting the changes into effect following their approval by President Harry S. Truman, the Nation's No. 1 Legionnaire.

"Some of the changes have already been put into effect, but others must wait upon new regulations and for new forms and procedures," General Bradley said.

"We need not wait to raise the loan guarantee from a maximum of \$2,000 to a maximum of \$4,000 and we are not waiting. We are also wiping out the 25-year age factor in educational requirements immediately, making loans on approval of VA appraisers, paying the increased subsistence allowances of \$90 and \$65 a month, and we are granting benefits to Americans who fought in allied forces."

The two major benefits which the VA may not be able to put into effect until March 28 are inclusion of correspondence schools under the educational title of the bill and approval of business loans for working capital and operations, General Bradley said.

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## Dr. Stidger Is Assembly Speaker

This week's assembly will be sponsored by the Student Fellowship Group in observance of National Brotherhood Week. Dr. William L. Stidger, of the Department of Homiletics of Boston University's School of Theology will talk on "Brotherhood Is Burden Bearing."

Dr. Stidger, who lives at Newton Center, Massachusetts, is the author of many books, articles and the syndicated news column, "Getting the Most Out of Life." Many of his sermons have become nationally known and have won several awards. Having introduced a course in radio preaching, he is a great prompter of religious broadcasts.

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## Philharmonic to Give Concert Here

Rhode Island State College will present the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert in Edwards Hall at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow. Francis Madeira will conduct the orchestra and guest soloist will be Miss Jean Browning, leading contralto of the Chautauqua Opera Company. This will be the opening concert of the third tour of the orchestra.

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## Rams Rumble Over Friars

The Rhode Island College Ram-paging Rams, beaten once in 14 starts, raced off to a brilliant 82-60 victory over the Providence College Friars before a boisterous crowd numbering 5139 at the Rhode Island Auditorium Thursday night.

Flipping, feinting and passing the towering Friars dizzy, All-American Ernie Calverley displayed to the Providence fans the techniques of basketball—and how it should be played in order to be interesting. Ernie continually broke through the P. C. defense and displayed spectacular shooting.

The opening minutes found the game to be a slow one. It was after two minutes when Dick Hole tapped in a basket, then a free throw to put State ahead 3-0.

P. C. called time, organized their attack and managed to splurge ahead 18-11 after 7 minutes had been played. But the firehouse play was too much for them. Despite the slight margin, the outcome was obvious. Providence College lacked the smooth, organized and polished tactics that the Rams so brilliantly possessed.

Through Calverley's long range shooting, stealing of the ball, dominant dribbling, passing to basket hanging mates, and setting up of numerous plays, the R. I. Rams left the floor with a 36-25 command.

After six minutes played of the second half, R. I. State led 57-33. The crowd had turned completely Rhode Island. Never before had they witnessed such basketball brilliance and court command. Rhody's shooting was incredibly superb. The entire team was outstanding in their floor work and shooting. The ovation Calverley received when he left the floor with several minutes remaining was tremendous. Coach Keaney sent in his reserves—all of them seeing action in final minute of the fray.

Scoring

	FG	F	Pts.
Hole	7	6	20
Baker	1	0	2
Allen	0	3	3
Goodwin	3	1	7
Kennett	1	0	2
Calverley	9	4	22
Nichols	3	1	7
Zarchen	1	0	2
Scalfani	3	0	6
J. Smith	1	0	2

**RHODE ISLAND STATE TOPS ST. JOSEPH'S, 77-60**

With the brilliant Dick Hole operating in sensational fashion and Co-Capt. Ernie Calverley giving another of his great performances, the Rhode Island State College Rams romped to a 77 to 60 win over St. Joseph's College last Saturday night, at Rodman Hall.

The victory was the 14th in fifteen games for the Rollicking Rams and marked the second over the Hawks. Earlier in the season, Rhode Island topped the visitors 80 to 63 at Philadelphia.

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### "Hello!"

The Beacon staff extends a warm welcome to the men and women who are returning to Rhode Island State College, or who are students here for the first time.

We are happier to have you with us than you can realize. Already you have changed the appearances of our college campus. Once more there is the constant activity that comes with a comparatively large student body — cars parked all around the quad, a busy Union, crowded classes and men! All this promises the speedy return of the spirit and campus doings that made our college in prewar days. These things we all have looked forward to for a long time.

Those of you who have been enrolled here previously will remember the friendly spirit for which Rhody is noted. This we think you will find unchanged. Those of you who are enrolled here for the first time we wish to welcome to the facilities of the college both educational and recreational, and to this friendly atmosphere which has been a part of our campus for so long.

## Dr. Bell Had Part in Study

Homeowners now keep their lawns free of weeds at an average cost of \$1 a season as the result of a new development in 2,4-D, a weed-killing plant hormone. Studies on 2, 4-D have been conducted here by Dr. Robert Bell.

Developed from an ester of 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, this chemical kills most broad-leaf weeds but is harmless to common lawn grasses. Instead of back-breaking digging every summer the average householder can now merely spray on this chemical and enjoy a smooth and weed-free lawn.

The preparation is particularly effective against dandelions, chickweed, bindweed, poison ivy, plantain, thistle, and many other weeds, the Scientist said. It will not injure the soil and is harmless to humans and animals when used according to directions. It is odorless and non-staining.

The action of the chemical is such that weeds literally strangle themselves to death because 2,4-D is a plant hormone which affects the growth factor of broad-leaf plants and can be used to destroy them as well as stimulate them.

### HOME EC. CLUB

A business meeting was held Jan. 31, when Rita Pantalone was elected to take Sue Vose's place as vice president. Plans are being made now for the Spring style show.

## Beach Ginghams



Royal blue and white checked ginghams for the beach are shown above as pictured in the December issue of Junior Bazaar, new fashion magazine. At left is a yoked jacket and rounded diaper-cut shorts. At right is a beach apron.

## SORORITY ROW

### Delta Zeta

Nick certainly added something to the atmosphere and we hated to see him leave. Rumors say he'll be back for commencement. Here's hoping, Dottie.

Grace and Tommy spent Saturday nite playing a strenuous game of bridge. Us! Us! Us! it couldn't be true.

Doris Geils spent the week-end in New York representing the Yacht Club of the State College at a meeting and dinner given by the Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association.

The second floor Record Shop boasts of its many favorite recordings and its two swooners! "There I've said it again," Dot, Newmatch "Will see you in her dreams."

"It's been a long, long time," but we're glad to have Anne back after a brief illness.

### East Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kolek have announced the engagement of their daughter Jo to Fred Dobras of Massachusetts.

Virginia Finch went ice skating at Greenwood, N. J., this week-end.

PFC Harry Congers of Miami, Fla., is visiting Leona Ferrick. Could this account for the gleam in her eyes?

New way of getting home! Lootie Messinger's father landed in the

athletic field in his plane and flew Lootie home in less than 20 minutes.

### S. A. E.

The girls of S. A. E. honored the two graduating seniors of this house last week with a surprise party. Caroline Wilbar and Marquerite Hall were both presented a gift. Refreshments were served in the social room.

Several of the girls gave Phyllis Dott a surprise birthday party Friday night.

Caroline Wilbar entertained Marquerite Hall at her home, 2 Sherman Ave., Kenyon, for the weekend.

Margaret DePonte was initiated to Phi Kappa Phi last week.

### Theta Chi

Ann, we're curious! Those circles under your eyes—guess she really takes advantage of all Soph privileges.

The frosh in our house really did things up right when they invaded Quonset the other night.

George really keeps his dates—right to the minute, doesn't he Trudy?

"Connivin Connaughton" visited Worcester Tech last week-end and had a terrific time.

### Chi Omega

Kay Meddaugh was the week-end guest of Mrs. Marcia Davis, the former Marcia Cady, in Riverside.

Skip (Gove) Welch is back again after winning a battle with the grip.

Pat Anderson and Alice Wallander are now sporting halos after attending a religious conference at Brown.

Lee Langspecht was the week-end guest of Lynn Reed in Washington Park.

## Letter to Students

It has been our hope this past semester that in 1946 we might be able to enlarge the Beacon to its pre-war size. However, our printers have informed us that their supplies and use of paper are still restricted by government order and therefore it will be impossible for them to print a larger Beacon as planned.

In lieu of this we are to give you more pictures as you have requested. It is possible now for us to get the flash bulbs necessary and the new influx of veterans has produced a photographer.

Will you continue to send us your suggestions and constructive criticisms? These are the gauge around which our policies are framed. We are also looking for more letters to the editor concerning campus problems, complaints, and recommendations.

The Editor.